

Youth Resource Connections

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Headlines

Youth, Education, and Families Institute Offers Cities Help to Enhance Youth Participation in Community Projects. Cities and towns across the U.S. are invited to apply for technical assistance to expand and encourage youth participation and involvement in their communities. A select group of National League of Cities member cities and towns will receive assistance during the upcoming year as part of the MetLife Foundation Youth-City Connection Project. Cities and towns interested in this technical assistance project must submit a brief application by November 25. A copy of the Request for Proposals can be downloaded at www.nlc.org or call 202-626-3064.

Department of Labor (DOL) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Awards \$13.5 Million to End Chronic Homelessness through Employment and Housing. Department of Labor's Secretary Elaine Chao and Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez awarded \$13.5 million in grants, cooperative agreements, and technical assistance to end chronic homelessness through employment and housing. The joint DOL and HUD initiative is designed to help people with disabilities that are chronically homeless achieve employment, permanent housing and self-sufficiency. Additional information may be found at: <http://www.dol.gov/odep/media/press/employ.htm>.

The Department of Labor (DOL) Announces \$15.3 Million in Grants to Support the Employment of People with Disabilities. DOL Secretary Elaine Chao kicked off the National Disability Awareness month by announcing the awarding of \$15.3 million in grants to support the New Freedom Initiative. The Office of Disability Employment Policy awarded forty-two grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$750,000 to support projects for persons with disabilities as they seek and maintain employment. For additional information visit: <http://www.dol.gov/odep/media/press/employ.htm>.

New York State Awards \$4.4 Million in Youth Empowerment Grants. Grants will be provided to youth organizations in 54 counties in New York State to get youth involved in the fight against tobacco. Local youth organizations with existing county-wide programming have already received funds. To view a listing of these grants go to: <http://www.health.state.ny.us>.

National History Day Invites entries for Brown V. Board of Education Essay Contest. National History Day is a yearlong education initiative designed to make history come alive through professional development of education and active learning. As part of the 2003-2004 NHD programs, students are encouraged to write an essay with supporting research that examines the Brown decision and its ongoing impact. For more information on the Brown decision contest, as well as the National History Day program, contact Bill Licks at 301-314-9739.
Deadline: April 4, 2004.

American Association of School Administrators Offers Literature Program (AASA). The AASA offers schools districts an opportunity to receive funding to provide reading resources for selected students. To be eligible for the program, a school district must have at least 75 percent of their students receiving free or reduced lunches and a superintendent who is an AASA member. For complete guideline information goes to: <http://www.aasa.org/issues>. **Deadline: October 31.**

Gates Foundation Grant Launches Education Finance Redesign Initiative. The Gates Foundation has awarded \$5.2 million to the School Finance Redesign Project at the University of Washington to study how more of the nation's public education dollars can be spent on practices that help children succeed. Project partners include researchers at the RAND Corporations, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Southern California, Vanderbilt University, the Human Services Policy Center at the Evans School of Public Affairs, and Hechinger Institute for Education and the Media at Columbia University. For more information visit: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org>.

National Book Scholarship Fund Supplies Resource Materials to Local Literacy Programs. The National Book Scholarship Fund supplies books and literacy materials to local literacy programs. Organizations that have a clearly defined need or project giving priority to family literacy programs are eligible to apply. Contact Mara Roberts at 315-422-9121. **Deadline: December 4.**

Funding Opportunities

Youth Service America (YSA) and State Farm offers Grants to Youth, Teachers, and Professors. YSA will award one hundred \$1,000 grants to youth, teachers/professors, and school-based service learning coordinators. To obtain a copy of the application, submit your request and a self addressed envelope to Youth Service America, 1101 15th Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005. **Deadline: December 8.**

Jack Kent Cooke's Foundation Announces Scholarships. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation announces scholarship competition for community college students to earn four-year degrees. The Cooke Foundation plans to award approximately thirty-five scholarships in the spring of 2004. The scholarships are available for students who are presently attending or have graduated since May 1999 from a fully licensed and accredited community college or two-year institution in the US and have a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Candidates for the scholarship must be nominated by a faculty representative at their community college or two-year institution. For more information visit: http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org/jkcf_web/content.aspx?page=UnderG. **Deadline: February 2, 2004.**

Applications Invited for Paul and Daisy Soro Fellowships. The Paul and Daisy Soro Fellowships provide opportunities for new American citizens to achieve leadership in their chosen fields. The national program awards thirty fellowships each year. Each fellowship provides an annual maintenance grant of \$20,000 and tuition grant of one-half the tuition cost of the U.S. graduate program attended by the fellow. For more information visit: <http://www.pdsoros.org>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Accepts Proposals for its Substance Abuse Policy Research Program. Policy researchers and policy making organizations that participate in collaborative efforts with community organizations are eligible to apply. Awards range from \$100,000 to \$400,000. For more information contact Tracy Patterson at 336-716-5170. **Deadline: November 7.**

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Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Announces the Availability of Funds to Improve the Health of Young People.

The CDC announces the availability of more than \$9.6 million for programs to improve the health, education, and well being of young people. The program is designed to strengthen coordinated school health programs to address health risks. For additional information visit <http://www.omhrc.gov>, letters of intent should be submitted by November 7. For general information about this announcement contact: 770-488-2700.

Corporation for National and Community Service Grants Accepts Applications for Next Generation Grants.

The Corporation is accepting applications for the Next Generation grants. Approximately \$4 million has been approved as seed money to help new and established organizations develop projects that have potential for becoming national in scope. The corporation seeks innovative models that meet one of the following criteria: programs that engage individuals in an intensive commitment to service in communities, volunteer programs for seniors, and programs that connect service with education. Non-profit organizations and community organizations (faith-based and secular), private foundations, and individuals schools are eligible to apply. For more information contact, Shanika Ratliff at 202-606-5000 ext. 408. **Deadline: November 17.**

William Bingham Foundation announces Grants for Community Health Providers. The William Bingham Foundation will provide grants to community health providers of family, AIDS, youth, substance abuse, and mental services. For more information visit: <http://www.fdncenter.org/grantmaker/bingham>. **Deadline: November.**

Home Depot Announces Program Grants. Home Depot has funding available for programs that assist at-risk youth and to organizations that direct efforts toward green-building design, recycling, lead poisoning prevention, and protecting the environment. There are no application deadlines. For further information contact Cathi Uitermark at 770-433-8211.

Publications/Reports and Resources

Advice from the Field: Youth Employment Programs and Unintended Pregnancy. This report by Christine Grishman explores the connection between the fields of youth employment and pregnancy prevention. It provides "advice from the field" from five youth employment providers about their efforts to combat unintended pregnancy and to provide family planning services. To access the report, visit: http://www.clasp.org/LegalDev/CLASP/Pubs/Pubs_Health

WIA Reauthorization Recommendations on Title I Youth Provisions report by Linda Harris focus on WIA reauthorization and its focus of youth programming. The reauthorization of WIA provides the opportunity to define and refine the parameters of this country's youth development system and set the stage for increasing appropriations to a level commensurate with the need. It also provides the opportunity to strengthen the ability of states and local areas to implement comprehensive programs and systems as mandated by the legislation with a priority focus on youth who are disconnected, or most at risk of disconnecting, from the system and supports they need to be productive, self-sufficient, and responsible adults. To access the report, visit: <http://www.clasp.org>, go directly to the document at http://www.clasp.org/DMS/Documents/1062103393.36/WIA_youth_recs.pdf.

National League of Cities (NCL) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families (YEF) Offers Cities Help to Enhance Youth Participation. NCL's Institute for YEP and the MetLife Foundation invite cities and towns across the United States to apply for technical assistance in developing and implementing strategies to expand and encourage youth participation and involvement in their communities. For additional information visit:
http://www.nlc.org/nlc_org/site/newsroom/nations_cities_weekly/display.cfm?id=2CE7EA12-276C-448F-AF66FB536778F8E1. **Deadline: November 25.**

Calendar of Events

October 19-25. Local Sites. Little Kids, Big Plans Week. Contact Krista Millar at (202) 626-3000.

October 20-23. Estes Park, CO. Youth Opportunity Grants Directors Meeting. Contact Beth Bienvenu at 202-693-2810.

October 23. Washington, DC. Community Colleges, Workforce Community Conference. Contact Sahar Rais-Danai at 202-693-3639.

October 22-24. Kohler, WI. The Alliance for Children and Families Biennial Conference. Visit: <http://www.alliance1.org/biennial>.

October 27. New York City, New York. Is Your Vision? Preparing the Workforce of the Future. Contact: Russ Simon at 518-465-1473.

October 27 - November 1. Rock Hill, SC. National Service Leadership Institute: National Service Training Follow-up. Contact: <http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/>.